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1. STATEMENT BY SOMALI AMBASSADOR TO TANZANIA THAT "NATO FORCES" ARE PLANNING TO INVADE SOMALIA IS PRESUMABLY A REFLECTION OF PRESIDENT SIAD'S CHARGE REPORTED REF A THAT FRENCH "ATTACK" WAS PRELUDE TO COMBINED INVASION BY "INTERNATIONAL IMPERIALISM." ACCORDING TO UPI REPORTS, SOMALI AMBASSADORS IN PARIS AND NAIROBI HAVE REPEATED THESE CHARGES WITH SPECIFIC MENTION OF THE UNITED STATES. WE HAVE TOLD SOMALI AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON THAT WHILE THERE WERE TWO US NAVY SHIPS IN DJIBOUTI ON FEBRUARY 3, THEY WERE MAKING ORDINARY PORT CALLS FOR SHORE LEAVE AND PROVISIONING WHICH HAD BEEN SCHEDULED WELL IN ADVANCE. WE FLATLY DENIED CHARGE OF US INVOLVEMENT, EITHER WITH EVENTS WHICH FOLLOWED FROM THE FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF THE SOMALI COAST KIDNAPPING OR WITH ANY PLAN TO INVADE SOMALIA.

2) FYI: THE TWO NAVY SHIPS IN DJIBOUTI AT TIME OF INCIDENT WERE USS GARCIA (FF-1040) AND USS SEMMES (DDG-18) OF THE MIDDLE EAST FORCE. THEY WERE SCHEDULED TO REMAIN AT DJIBOUTI UNTIL 6 FEBRUARY, BUT AT REQUEST OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES THEY MOVED FROM PIER TO ANCHORAGE 3 1/3 MILES AWAY ON FEB. 5, AND DEPARTED PORT OF FEB. 6. THEIR ORDERS WERE TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS AND EXERCISES IN THE AREA, AND TO REPORT TO THEIR NEXT PORTS OF CALL, PORT VICTORIA ON FEB. 25 FOR THE SEMMES AND MOMBASSA ON FEB. 17 FOR THE GARCIA. TASK GROUP 75.1 WITH 4 SURFACE SHIPS WAS IN ARABIAN SEA IN ACCORDANCE WITH PRE-PLANNED SCHEDULE AT TIME OF INCIDENT. ON FEB. 7 COMMANDER SEVENTH FLEET ORDERED CTG 75.1 TO REMAIN OUT OF THE GULF OF ADEN AND TO CONDUCT NO OPERATIONS WEST OF A POINT 13 N, 52 E. THERE WERE NO CVA'S IN INDIAN OCEAN OR ARABIAN SEA AT THAT TIME. INGERSOLL

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